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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: North Korean Order of Battle

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With the DCI briefing the President today on the Intelligence Community's current evaluation of the North Korean Order of Battle, it is time to plan for briefings on Capitol Hill respecting this information. The undersigned recommended, and the DCI approved, a strategy in which between now and the time at which he and the DDCI will be giving the worldwide briefings to the HASC, HAC and others in late January 1979, [] as NIO for East Asia and the Pacific, should be deputed as his representative to brief staffs and selected Members of Congress about the Intelligence Community's judgments on this question. My plan would be to go back to the offices which have expressed interest in this matter during the past six or nine months (Jim Locher on the SASC for Senator Nunn and Pat Long and Dick Giza for HPSCI come to mind) and to tell them we have concluded the analytical process. On our own initiative this office would also contact the staff chiefs of the Committees which would normally be interested in this information: John Ford of the HASC, Tom Latimer, HPSCI and Bill Miller, SSCI etc. It is my feeling that with [] able to speak to the CIA and DIA evaluations of the Army findings, we will be able to get the word around appropriately before Members drift back to town in mid-January. Hopefully we will be able to defuse some of the political criticism which is bound to follow the release of these new numbers. We would thus be striking a balance between servicing our oversight and traditional clients whom we are bound to help and drumming up new interest in these conclusions which we wish to avoid if possible. My suggestion is that as soon as [] determines when DIA will be ready to go, we convene a strategy meeting setting forth who should be briefed and when and by whom.

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